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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL VISIT TO EUROPE

REF: STATE 055188

1. I LOOK FORWARD TO SUBJECT VISIT, DESPITE ITS SHORT DURATION IN BERLIN. I EXPECT THERE WILL BE SOME MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WHO ARE WELL KNOWN TO ME.
 2. EMBASSY IS IN CONTACT WITH USMISSION BERLIN REGARDING COORDINATED PROGRAM, INCLUDING POSSIBLE BUS TOUR OF EAST BERLIN. SIZE OF GROUP WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR EMBASSY BERLIN TO PROVIDE MORE THAN FACILITATION FOR VISIT WHICH WE ASSUME WILL BE HANDLED IN THE MAIN BY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN WEST BERLIN.
 3. IT WILL NOT, MOREOVER, BE POSSIBLE FOR GROUP TO VISIT AN EAST GERMAN MILITARY INSTALLATION AS SUGGESTED REFTEL. ANY SUCH INSTALLATION IN GREATER BERLIN IS IN EFFECT VIOLATION OF THE ALLIED AND US LEGAL POSITION ON BERLIN, AND WE COULD, THEREFORE, NOT MAKE REQUEST FOR VISIT TO SUCH INSTALLATION. VISIT TO BERLIN IS ALSO TOO BRIEF FOR GROUP TO VISIT OUTSIDE CITY AND, IN ANY EVENT, IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY
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THAT EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT WOULD APPROVE VISIT TO A

MILITARY INSTALLATION IN EAST GERMANY PROPER. SUCH
A VISIT WOULD ALSO INVOLVE OBTAINING EAST GERMAN
VISAS FOR EACH OF 30 MEMBERS OF PARTY. THIS DOES NOT
SEEM WORTHWHILE GIVEN THE TIME ALLOTTED FOR THE VISIT
HERE.

4. EMBASSY WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE
THIS VISIT. CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE CHIEF OF THE
POLITICAL SECTION, WILLIAM C. NENNO.COOPER

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